



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 12/19/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Kathy Gallagher 681-4451
Contact Info: Davida Willis 614-1251

SUBJECT: Approve the Contract with the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority effective January 1, 2007, to Provide Health Benefits to Qualified IHSS Caregivers.

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the contract and continuation of services of the current health benefit provider, Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority, to provide health benefits to qualified in-home caregivers who provide care to customers of the In-Home Supportive Services program. The beginning date of this agreement is January 1, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$1,286,400 in calendar year 2007, and it may renew from year to year unless amended or terminated by either party.

Summary:

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with United Domestic Workers of America dated June 1, 2004, the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority is required to offer health and dental benefits to qualified caregivers. The Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority designed "Caradigm Health" specifically for the Santa Barbara In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority as a vehicle to provide the health benefits and has been the health benefit provider since January 1, 2005.

Networks of health care providers are located County-wide, and affiliated with Sansum-Santa Barbara Medical Foundation and Central Coast Family Care. All hospitals in the County are also contracted to Caradigm Health. Major pharmacy chains are under contract with the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority for prescription drugs.

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Caregivers qualify for benefits by working a minimum of 70 hours per month for two (2) consecutive months, and then maintaining that level of work in order to continue the benefit.

The open enrollment for eligible caregivers is scheduled for November, 2007.

The monthly premium will not increase and will remain at \$335. Each insured will pay 10% or \$33.50 monthly toward the total cost of the health insurance premium.

Background:

The Public Authority was created by AB 2235, which mandates that the Public Authority is the employer of record for all in-home caregivers. As the employer of record, the Public Authority is charged with negotiating wages and benefits with the assigned bargaining unit.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 214,978.00	\$ 214,978.00	
State	\$ 399,422.00	\$ 399,422.00	
Federal	\$ 590,015.00	\$ 590,015.00	
Fees	\$ 81,985.00	\$ 81,985.00	
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,286,400.00	\$ 1,286,400.00	\$ -

Narrative:

This contract will be funded with Federal, State, and local funds. The respective funding levels are approximately 46%, 35%, and 19%, depending on the eligibility of each specific IHSS case and activity. Appropriations of \$1,286,400 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year have been included in the Department's approved budget under the IHSS Public Authority sub-division, located with the Social Programs Division. Appropriations of \$1,286,400 will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2007/2008 requested budget.

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

After execution by the Chair, please return one (1) certified copy of the agreement for the contractor, one (1) copy for the Public Authority, and one (1) copy of the minute order, attention: Laura Mejia.

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Attachments:

Contract

Authored by:

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cc: